



# Horizons

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* 

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## FIRST-EVER “HOLIDAYS & HEROES FESTIVAL BEGINS THE HAUPPAUGE COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SEASON

On Saturday, December 9th, the first-ever “Holidays & Heroes Festival” was held at Hauppauge High School and this signified the start of the Hauppauge community holiday season! This event was sponsored by the Youth & Community Alliance Committee. More than 40 students and 20 adults helped with the set-up and running of the event.

Admission to the event was \$5.00, and included games, holiday crafts, a holiday movie, a create-a-card table to send holiday cards to service members, and letters to Santa. There were also concessions with delectable treats from “Duck Donuts,” as well as popcorn, warm cookies and milk, and hot chocolate. Special stations were set up where children could create a personalized Santa hat or stocking, take a photo with Santa or buy a “Magic Key” keepsake.

At 4:00 p.m. a “parade of lights” with the Hauppauge Fire Department took place in the front circle. Ms. Ferrara said, “This was a tremendous way for our community to come together and a way for us to recognize our local heroes.” After, a “decorate your car” contest took place.

All proceeds from this event go directly to the high school “Share and Care” to assist high school families in need this season. Special thanks to HS Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara, who organized this event! Also, thank you to all her special volunteer “elves” who made this day special for the children and their families. Here are some photos from the day.





## *"Holidays & Heroes"*



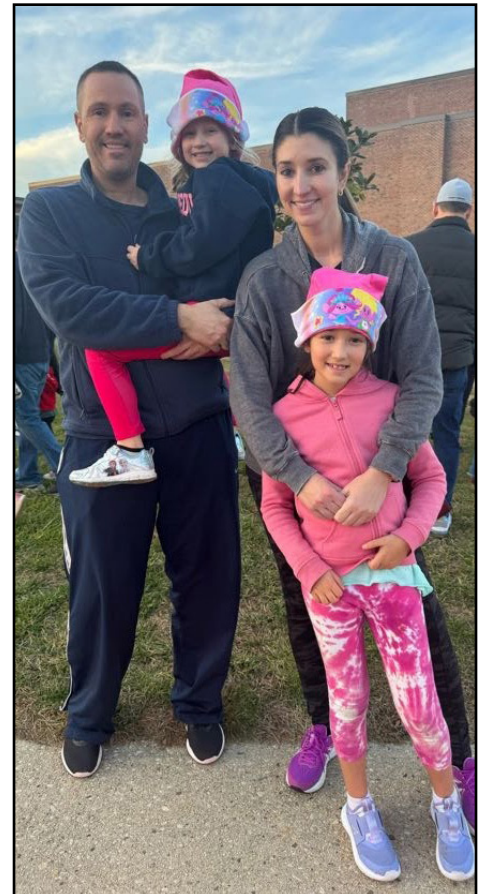


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*Students who decorated for "Holidays & Heroes"*





# HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST TERM

Joseph Wieckhorst, High School Principal, is proud to announce the following students who are on the Principal's Honor Roll (95.00+), High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99), and Honor Roll (85.00-89.99), for the first term.

## Principal's Honor Roll

Brandon Calles Ramirez  
Emma Jensen  
Jacob Wolmetz  
Atharv Prabhu  
Lindsay Adams  
Katherine Marietta  
Madelyn Mileo  
Michael Oliveto  
Jason Francisci  
Akhil Grandhi  
Trinity Garcia  
Francesca Gatien  
Mihika Grandhi  
Samvath Karanam  
Dominique Glasheen  
Emma Tjersland  
Sara Conquet  
Colin Buscarino  
Jemia Mattison  
Lucia Perez  
Brandon Cardamone  
Martin Popov  
Riley Rosini  
Alyssa Bergeret  
Serena Narang  
Ayaan Shah  
Emily Flynn  
Ethan Rivera  
Israel Rojas  
Sadiq Shaik  
Tiana Yip  
Gabriella DeNicola  
Ariana Morales  
Medha Rao  
Alyssa Vo  
Louis Fusaro  
Robert Marietta  
Julianna Heck  
Justin Mannix  
Salvatore Moccia  
Jackson Tacca  
Meghan Barry  
Lina Cambardella

Savvy Dusat  
Andrew Solomon  
Maya McFadyen  
Jace Cardamone  
Elle Mallebranche  
Alex Theodorellis  
Abiha Sadiq  
Katherine St.Pierre  
Carissa Postilio  
Lucas Eaton  
Pranav Vijayababu  
Tatyana Sumarev  
Jack Campbell  
Laila Spezio  
Olalekan Ogunsakin  
Brianna Burton  
Ryan Genovese  
Deanna Carlino  
Lola McGuire  
Stevie Donna Rosenfeld  
Nathan Fernandes  
Arav Prabhu  
Cassandra Delgado  
Sofia Kalaitzis  
Matthew Oliveto  
Aryanna Ress  
Samantha Douglass  
Liana Gentile  
Meghan Horigan  
Kayla Krause  
Connor Dunphy  
Joseph Kim  
Evan Maiorini  
Justin Diaz  
Guy Donnelly  
Charles Olaechea  
Devin Brophy  
Joanna Dove  
Madeline Irwin  
Madison Loiseau  
Aaraiz Shah  
Patrick Terzella  
Brendan Graf

Lauren Masaitis  
Vanessa Mosad  
Madeline Rohde  
Yashvi Shah  
Grace Crean  
Andrew Fanelli  
Christina Caputo  
Cassie Delgado  
Julianna Postilio  
Kayla Chmielewski  
Louis Constante  
Reese Coughlin  
Sri Samanyu Sagiraju  
Ryan Sapugay  
Nicholas Lam  
Mario Chavez  
Allegra Levine  
Max Vo  
Alex Ofgang  
Ava Mariani  
Sajal Varshney  
Abigail DeSantis  
Devin Espinal  
Andrew Costello  
Max Ofgang  
Jasmin Romero  
Eric Chen  
Avery Hores  
Kaylah Adam  
Krista Cummo  
Jack Regan  
Matthew Tarasenko  
Kayla Weir  
Samantha McGay  
Savannah Brown  
Nicholas Crater  
Sarah Dukofsky  
Mario Hroncich  
Kelsie Hyde  
Hailey Kulesa  
Rashmi Mahesh  
Abhay Simha  
Michael Weilert



## High Honor Roll

Kiran Fernandes  
Hunter Pipia  
Ryan Budke  
Charlotte Derby  
Matias Kalaitzis  
Leanna Moore  
Kairan Zhang  
Nicolas DiLorenzo  
Chloe Kahn  
Connor Sheridan  
Jake Vitale  
Elliot Tafla  
Nadia Golemi  
Brooke Tarasenko  
Joseph Bayer  
Rachel Budke  
Nicole Florio  
Brian Lopez  
Jia Ying Cheng  
Jacob Corcione  
Andrew George  
Katie Park  
Parker Smith  
Matthew Neglia  
Corie Paolillo  
Daniel Porricelli  
Mahrukh Rana  
Andrew Tsiokos  
Rebecca Spiegel  
Eduardo Aguirre Argueta  
Liv Carroll  
Angelina Clemente  
Christopher Primiani  
Antonio Buglione  
Isabella Hochman  
Hayley Morello  
Laura Shehata  
Rachel Killoran  
Tanner Klass  
Gina Vaughan  
Madelyn Wilson  
Elizabeth Kildale  
Savannah Fasner  
Anthony Waldner  
Keith Baque  
Brayden Castro  
Kristen Tarasenko  
Daniel Youngworth  
Ian Rivera  
Matthew Brosnan  
Gennady Borisov

Julianna Bullaro  
Bryce Choi  
Joseph Gentile  
Katelyn Hachadoorian  
Ava Importuna  
Juliana Krause  
Andrew Master  
Corina Mazzuca  
Jenna Romito  
Camryn Spezio  
Julianna Stallone  
John Stein  
Abigail Vermillion  
Olivia Weisenburger  
Manha Aliza  
John Avlonitis  
Bryanna Butera  
Angelo Vargas  
Brandon Rutley  
Vincenza Acosta-DiMola  
Sofia Corcione  
Katherine DiTuro  
Kristen Emile  
Haley Hutzler  
Jenelle Staton  
Chanelle Young  
Emily Messana  
Katherine Cheng  
Sofia Mariani  
Riley Minor  
Juliana Stopanio  
Madison Forgione  
Sweta Jha  
Makenzie Juliano  
Jackson Ruple  
Star Stewart  
Nicholas Sumwalt  
Julia Cristiano  
Katerine Reyes Mendez  
John Douglass  
Sasha Boddu  
Joseph Bono  
Edward Bullard  
Liam Nally  
Ethan Segal  
Nicholas Battista  
Jordan Conter  
Giabella DeFranco  
Aaron Delgado  
Ava Lukasik  
Vivian Derby

Melissa O'Connor  
David Hendrick  
Christian Isernio  
Deborah Jacob  
Manny Manteiga  
Jesse Trabka  
Annabel Adamo  
Teresa Dau  
Abram Pimentel  
Ryan Rivera  
Owen Dixon  
Ryan Kneisel  
Sarah Adams  
Eleonora Nemickas  
Noah Rosario  
Amelia Vitale  
Sravya Karanam  
Crisalyn Abruscato  
Tyler Babich  
Ariella Brunengraber  
Nathan Dapaah  
Ceaser Garcia  
Delilah Morales  
Mary Schroeder  
Sean Sleicher  
Quinn Smith  
Antonia Stewart  
Anthony Rodriguez  
Alexandra Sznurkowski  
Devan Delarosa  
Dominick Utano  
Johanna Ward  
Tommaso Clarke  
Lindy Lam  
Dev Mehra  
Brenna Sheridan  
Joshua Trope  
Juliana Williamson  
Matteo Casale  
Giana Cordovano  
Daniela LaChapelle  
Kate Mullen  
Aidan Cavallo  
Allyson Winiarz  
Rickey Balanda  
Jennifer Battaglia  
Joshua Campbell  
Natalie Cartafalsa  
Thomas Corso  
Ryan Leonard  
Silas Lobenstein



## High Honor Roll

Alexa Oliveto  
Meredith Terracciano  
Matthew Barshay  
Christopher Choi  
Rowen Covino  
Grace Katchen  
Peyton Kulesa  
Kristin Scanlon  
Brooke Telfer  
Jack Clark  
Katie Herrick  
Peter Sellitto  
Gabrielle Catanzaro  
Katie Cimato  
Olivia Iacono  
Brendan Kalinsky  
Thomas Saglombeni  
Moustafa Abouelsaid  
Tucker Brown  
Jalissa Dove  
Sasha Gladle  
Aidan Kildale  
Brendan Kirk  
Katelyn Oliveto  
Elizabeth Sussman  
Alexandra Wetterhahn  
Brie Mallebranche  
Srihan Adabala  
Emilia DeLuca  
Brandon Dolce  
Aliya Betting  
Aidan Buscarino  
Justin Campbell  
Aidan Feltz  
Grace Galarza  
Julia Mennella  
Ryan Moleti  
Jake Parrett  
Sumaia Khan  
Megan Connolly  
Victoria Acquavita  
Colton Masch  
Brycen Smith  
Cole Wood  
Reagan Henselder  
Erin O'Donovan  
Kunjan Kandel  
Ryan Dobbs  
Mia Abshire  
Ryan DeLuca  
Grace Norizsan

Kai Umana  
Brendan Accardi  
Liliana Downes  
Tara Murphy  
Ram Nuti  
Nandini Shinde  
David Castellanos Jimenez  
Kayleigh Collins  
Emma Condos  
Colin Florio  
Avery Marchese  
Lydia Rhimie  
Nicholas Uzakewicz  
Nicholas Miele  
Jake Wisneski  
Andriana Bisono  
Andrew Delgado  
Jack Pring  
Marissa Rodriguez  
Sofia Forero  
Carleigh Garofalo  
Gabrielle Jean-Fils  
Owen Prevendoski  
Grayson Coiro  
Andrew Congema  
Andrew Esposito  
Matthew Kunkel  
Sophia Mileo  
Emily Prizgint  
Nicole Sahaidachny  
Joel Mathew  
Madeline Esposito  
Brandon Beauchamp-Garcia  
Brielle Bilello  
Jason DiFretus  
Addison Drake  
Nicholas LaChapelle  
Keira McKechnie  
Matthew Misciagna  
Isabella Vizzini  
Emerson Yip  
Mollie Greene  
Paul Mannarino  
Isabella Messina  
Sean O'Connell  
Brayden Beltrani  
Erin Horigan  
Makayla Kunkel  
Laila Tamayo  
Krishal Baniya  
Brady Park

Jaden Satriano  
Laila Sosa  
Juliana Asimbaya  
Burak Citiroglu  
Nicolette Conte  
John Martinez  
Baylee Ward  
Sarah Bento  
Chase Dobbs  
Sophie Fletcher  
Mac Ge  
Jake Popp  
Gwendolyn Tafla  
Maximus Villarico  
Kaitlyn Weinstein  
Nasseh Younszada  
Olivia Feinblum  
Mackenna Hogan  
Leo Stewart  
Jack DiPasquale  
Andrew Uzakewicz  
Irina Bellassai  
Brandon Reidy  
Jacob Dukofsky  
Christian Jenny  
Reuben Lewin  
Jillian Conter  
Daniella Kwakye  
Connor Haggerty  
Benjamin Solomon  
Chase Filipe  
Keira Choiniski  
Lydia Abruzzo  
Leslie Alvarez  
Nicholas Colon  
Shyrynn Covino  
Patrick Cunningham  
Victoria Hand  
Mia Lobos  
Elvis Osmanov  
Charles Datre  
Cindy Lam  
Milana Wakulich  
Brianna Byrne  
Olivia Condos  
Megan Daly  
Samyuktha Karanam  
Evan Mikulasovich  
Liam O'Connor  
Mia Sferrazza  
Benjamin Vallone  
Avery Wilcox



## Honor Roll

Shane Reidy  
Ryan Yang  
Angelina Augusta  
Kit Hinostrroza  
Sam Scarfo  
Khloe Collins  
Sofia Dessart  
Michael Lynch  
Joseph Dipardo  
Alex Fletcher  
Jenna Gennari  
Aayan Hassan  
Isabella Montano  
Joseph Penzel  
Sofia Salzillo  
Tia Sowa  
Jordan Feltz  
Akshar Gopa  
Kaelyn Natoli-Alabre  
Raymond Russo  
Ella Carlson  
Nicholas Kump  
Gabriella Robinson  
Jennifer Dove  
Kaitlyn Loughran  
Angelina Negri  
Ariel Serbellon Alferez  
Jordan Vargas  
Jack Browne  
Meghan Goutink  
Nicholas Poulos  
Jayla Roxas  
Lucas Ahr  
Thomas Capone  
Kole Lemke  
Tyler Stopanio  
Nicholas Alabre  
Mahayla Curtis  
Jason George  
Alexander Jones  
Joseph Kiley  
Cara Primiani  
Rachel Fontana  
Daniel Martinez  
Kylie McGuire  
Jenna Williamson  
Sienna Cappisillo  
Michael LoVerde  
Cristian Rodriguez  
Nicolas Corso  
Brendan DeModna

Calvin Ni  
Emily Sciarrone  
LiAngela Ulloa  
Brian Alvarez Rivas  
Abigail Bowden  
Delilah Gladle  
Sophie Kahn  
Fernanda Mena Ledesma  
Laura Roa Medina  
Katelyn Baldwin  
Samantha Crater  
Nicholas DiTuro  
Alexa Fortune  
Rosalee Gay  
Shannon Ilnitzki  
Victoria Rivera  
Kai Wilson  
Nicole Esposito  
Carlos Argueta  
Noah DeCristofaro  
Ava Dellicurti  
Edward Mallon  
Alison Tsororos  
Robert Lacalamita  
Dharma Pastore  
John Kogel  
Lindsay TenBrink  
Chris Cheilas  
Andrew DiBenedetto  
Gianna Kazalski  
Steve Salazar  
Amanda Mandaro  
Owen Bento  
Ashley Congema  
Ryan Rudden  
Brennan Sudama  
Richard Brooks  
Robert Giamundo  
Hailey Wilcox  
Kayla Lave  
Mathew Payyanattu  
Carli Cowen  
Branden Emile  
Mia Ficco  
Gino Manta  
Adriana Schlegelmilch-Donohue  
Madison Wurtz  
Ava Bilbo  
Alexis Buitron  
Janiyah Dennis Gedeon  
Shaan Khan

Emily Norris  
Tristian Pierre-Louis  
Anthony Russo  
Kenza Sadiq  
Svanik Shahu  
Stephen Lambros  
Sean Foley  
Juliana Martinez  
Sophia Silva  
Brayden Dickneider  
Valerie Coreas  
Christian Mieles  
Tyler DiDio  
Ava Mansueto  
Emma McCarthy  
Timothy Sellitto  
Linda Lee Hargis  
James Bohuslaw  
Kritin Mittal  
Mia DeSiervi  
Sean Hores  
Noah Hutzler  
Landon Kaplan  
Jacob Nicolas  
Ryan Reed  
Mason Rivera  
Jack Scauri  
Chase Shapiro  
Logan Wurtz  
Evan Lombardi  
Sabrina Fazio  
Emma Gill  
Lily Dubshinski  
John Giarraputo  
Madelyn Kuruvilla  
Brady Wahl  
Rowan Ashby  
Jason Downs  
Gabriella Lanfranco  
Mia Sarti  
Samantha Zimblar  
Elena Capo  
Kevin Hoeler  
Jorge Mena Ledesma  
Waris Faiz  
Trevor Popp  
Christopher Torres  
Emily Harmel  
Andrew Sharrer  
Marina Mouree  
James Burns



## Honor Roll

Joseph Carvajal  
Christopher Curcio  
Daniel Egbert  
Sienna Gardiner  
Luca Hroncich  
Lily Mortimer  
Shaik Sayem  
Griffin Segal  
Cameron Visnius  
Logan McKee  
Julia Supper  
Thomas Cella  
Salvatore Ciccariello  
Harry Gang  
Aivary Gennifer  
Anais White  
Emily Winiarz  
Andrew Lifrieri  
Peter Conquet  
Shaik Sadid  
LeeAnne TenBrink  
Matthew Huber  
Richard Pfister  
Joseph Pistritto  
Nathan Vargas  
Mauricio Garcia  
Kristen Zangre  
Douglas Novell  
Jolver Rivas  
Daniel Pedraza  
Christian Russo  
Sreeja Geevanagari  
Jacob Solomon  
Luka Tencic  
Lily Manzella  
Konstantinos Sourlis  
Leonora Augusta  
Adriana Cappa  
Sophia Lambros  
Leila Noor  
Megan Sahaidachny  
Braden Hogan  
Nicholas LaFemina  
Jackson Rosario  
Jude Fecteau  
Kaitlynn Sowa  
Isabella Calcagni  
Bailey Landgren  
Sophia Fernandez  
Gautam Nair  
Kate O'Shaughnessy

Melanie Saravia  
Kathleen Barr  
Giana DelloRusso-Falletta  
Jaclyn Flood  
Brady Kraus  
Anna Krilovitch  
Ryan Russo  
Isabella Salvaggio  
Matthew Sellitto  
Kimberly Velasquez Bonilla  
Liam White  
Madison Sottile  
Donnie Farina  
Hannah Harten  
Rennie Lewis  
Yulani Singh  
Matthew Aversa  
Jack Boyle  
Emily Catalan-Castro  
Christine Viteri  
Taela Carros  
Michael Crafa  
James Mancuso  
Julianna Ferrara  
Abigail Hartman  
Justin Lozada  
Andrew McKane  
Vincent Crafa  
Nicole Rykiel  
Nolan Masaitis  
Michael Economico  
Bella Kirk  
Samantha Limonciello  
Jackson Millman  
Teja Nekkhalapudi  
Luiza Oliveira  
Riley Sookoo  
Natalie Beccarelli  
Ryan Raju  
Jordan Reilly  
Angela Orellana  
Ashley Parks  
Jason Berrios  
John Piantieri  
Giulian Quijije  
Jerlyn Avelar  
Samantha Herrick  
Mia Isernio  
Eliza Kaplan  
Brett Spiers



## VARSITY GYMNASTICS TEAM HAS AN AMAZING FALL SEASON

The Varsity Gymnastics Team had an amazing fall season despite the use of their equipment and home advantage in their competition schedule.

Allison Tonry (pictured alone) and Riley Minor (pictured with Coach Hemp) received their prestigious awards at the annual Villa Lombardi's Suffolk County Awards dinner for gymnastics.

Allison qualified as an All-County gymnast on Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, and the Floor Exercise finishing in the top 10 in the county on all three apparatus. She was also named the MVP for the team and held the highest averages on all four events on the team for the entire season.

Riley Minor an All-League team qualifier, received the prestigious Jim Barish Memorial Scholarship for her positivity and excellence in the sport along with earning the Character Award for her dedication of years on the team representing sportsmanship and upholding team morale, positivity, and work ethic.

Both athletes are graduating seniors along with teammates and captain Lydia Abruzzo, who received the Captain's Award, Victoria Rivera, Aliyah Betting, and Kate St. Pierre.

Every athlete on this team received All-County or All-League status for the season which contributed to the team finishing with only one loss for 2023. Coach Hemp marveled at the depth of the team and was proud that all four events never had a weak area due to their exceptional talent. "The camaraderie and team support was amazing this season even though we did not have a gym to workout and practice in. We were only able to host two home meets this season due to the flood and the gym being closed for repair." Boasted Coach Hemp. "I'm very proud of what this team accomplished together this season."

Mike LoVerde and Sean Hores, were the acting team managers for the team and handled the scorekeeping and also assisted with moving equipment.

The seniors are pictured with Coach Hemp at their senior meet and also with their annual "blanket" gift from Coach.

Happy Handstands Lady Eagles!!!



**Allison Tonry**



**Riley Minor with Coach Amanda Hemp**





## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOUR TWO UNIVERSITIES IN ONE DAY

Forty Hauppauge High School students were given the opportunity to tour two universities in one day! The trip was open to any student in grades 9 through 12.

The day started with an informational session and tour of the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs. At the conclusion of the tour, students enjoyed lunch in the dining hall. Next, they traveled to Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT where they took part in another informational session and campus tour.

The students then traveled home via ferry, going from Bridgeport, CT to PortJefferson, NY. They left the trip with greater insight and excitement about their prospects!





## HAUPPAUGE HOSTS ROUNDTABLE FOR LONG ISLAND IB HISTORY TEACHERS

On December 6th, the Hauppauge School District hosted approximately 20 International Baccalaureate or “IB” teachers from 10 different Long Island schools for the “Guild of IB Schools” history roundtable.

IB roundtables are supported by the “Guild of IB Schools” which is a professional association of more than 100 IB schools whose mission is to promote and develop IB programs in its member schools. The primary goal of the roundtable is to share expertise through routine contact with other “IB World Schools.” Teacher roundtables occur throughout the academic year in all major subject areas.

At the event, teachers discussed best practices in teaching history, updates to the curriculum and how to best support their students.





## HAUPPAUGE WRESTLING TEAM WINS MAMARONECK WRESTLING TOURNAMENT & FIRST DUAL MEET

The Hauppauge Wrestling team competed in the annual Mamaroneck tournament this past weekend, winning the tournament with 283 points over runner-up Clarke High School with 191 points. Sixteen teams were entered with Hauppauge sending 14 wrestlers to compete. Thirteen of the fourteen entered for Hauppauge placing first thru fifth. Hauppauge sent eight wrestlers to the finals with five coming away with titles.

Winning for Hauppauge included:

Freshman Trevor Patrovich, 101 lbs

Juniors Gino Manta, 116 lbs, Jason Difrietus, 124 lbs, and Elijah Infante, 138 lbs.

Senior, Charlie Olachea won the 160 lb weight class.

Runner-ups:

Eighth grader Ryder Smith, 108 lbs, Connor Sheridan, 116 lb, and Ben Vallone, 131lbs.

Sophomore James Moccia, 131 lbs, and Junior Jackson Tacca, 145 lbs. Both finished in third place.

Senior Nick Dituro, 145 lbs, placed fourth with eighth-grader Jake Messina, 101 lbs, and

Junior Devin Brophy, 124 lbs, placing fourth.

Gino Manta was voted MVP by the coaches.

The Hauppauge wrestling team won their first dual meet of the season 53-24 against Cold Spring Harbor yesterday. Winning by pinning their opponents were freshman, Trevor Patrovich in 2:44; 8th grader, Ryder Smith, 2:53; Juniors, Elijah Infante, :41 seconds, and Jackson Tacca, :46 seconds. Seniors, Nick Dituro, 1:49, and Charlie Olachea, 1:11. Junior Jason Difrietus won by a technical fall, 20-5. Junior, Gino Manta and Sophomore, Ben Vallone received fift's. Hauppauge takes on Eastport South Manor Friday in their first League V dual meet.



**Hauppauge Wrestling Team**



**Junior Jason Difrietus wins  
first Tournament  
Championship.**



**Junior Elijah Infante wins  
first Varsity Tournament.**



**Senior Charlie Olachea  
coming from behind to win 5-4  
in the closing seconds.**



# HIGH SCHOOL AP COMPUTER SCIENCE CLASS VISITS A+ TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY HEADQUARTERS

This past week A+ Technology & Security welcomed Mr. Hufngel's AP Computer Science class to its headquarters in Bay Shore. Guided by President and Founder, David Antar, and Business Development Executive, Matthew Sobel, students toured the facility to witness where a product goes from a prototype, to testing, to a finished product.

The demonstrations gave students an understanding of how computer science is utilized in practical applications to protect the safety and health of individuals within a business or school.

A heartfelt thank you goes to these gracious hosts for this invaluable experience.





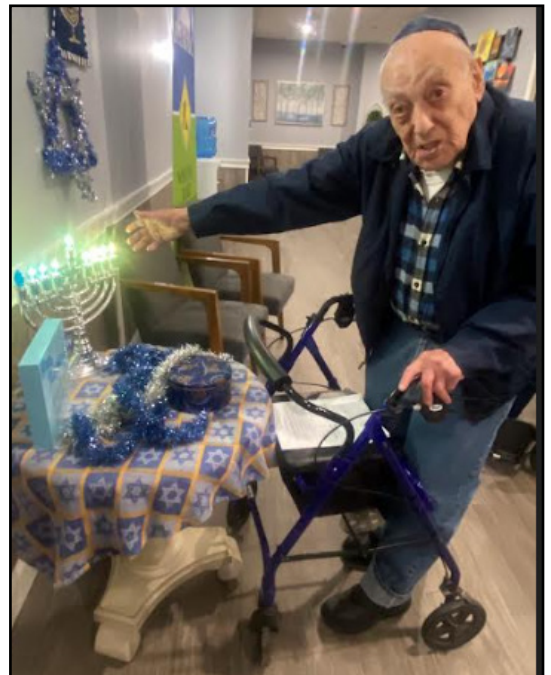
## PINES FUTURE CORPS CLUB VISITS ARBORS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

The Future Corps Club has been fortunate enough to spend five weeks visiting the residents of the Arbors Assisted Living. Both the residents and our students have grown very fond of each other. This experience has shown our students how rewarding and fulfilling giving back to their community is.

The residents beamed with joy each week when the students arrived. The students couldn't wait to go back each week to read with them, do crafts, play instruments, do magic tricks and play games.

Our very own, Tom Burke's mother, Cecilia Burke, is a resident there and she read aloud to our students on our last day visiting there. They enjoyed hearing her animated reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

They will surely miss seeing these residents each week!





## HAUPPAUGE HYO CHEERLEADERS

The Hauppauge 5s came into the season as individuals not knowing how to cheer. Week after week they came in and worked hard learning new skills and they finished the season as a team. They exceeded our expectations! They took 3rd place, 1st place and 2nd place to finish out their season! We are looking forward to them working hard in the off season to get ready for next season! Bring on the 6s!

The Hauppauge 5s are coached by Laura Alonzo. They are:

Addison Alonzo  
Haylee Bathke  
Aubrey Donahue

Angela Vigliotti  
Rosalie Ferruggio  
Willow Longworth  
Mia Tenney

Ava Romano  
Ava Fisher  
Shay Bannan



Hauppauge 6's - 1st year Cheerleaders with zero cheer experience competed in 5 competitions:

Hauppauge 4th Place (Zero Deductions)  
Rocky Point 1st Place (Zero Deductions)  
West Islip 2nd Place (Zero Deductions)  
Smithtown 3rd Place  
Sachem

For community events, the girls cheered at some of the Home Hauppauge Youth Football games.

Coaches: Gineen Green, Megan Otwinowski, Tara Grosskopf and Theresa Petry.

The Team: Haisley Green, Liana Otwinowski, Kendall Grosskopf, Avery Petry, Savannah Flaiz, Ava Pegan, Annabella Llanos, Liliana Martinelli, Zoë Schwarzbard and Juliet Rosenberg.





## ***"HYO Cheer"***

Hauppauge 7s - This first-year cheer competition team consists of first and second-graders from all three Hauppauge elementary schools. They are a group of energetic and enthusiastic athletes who were excited to debut their skills and hard work. They practiced tirelessly for months, perfecting their stunts, tumbling, and choreography, and achieved milestones like a 2nd place win, zero deductions multiple times, and performing at local community events and cheer competitions in front of hundreds of people. We are so proud of our Hauppauge 7s for their passion for cheer and commitment to giving their all every time they stepped onto the mat. We look forward to the future for these all-stars!

Coaches:

- Kathy Alfonso
- Christine Borowski
- Diana Cracchiolo

Roster:

- Izzy Alfonso
- Sofia Benway
- Lola Bibbee
- Margo Borowski
- Luciana Cracchiolo
- Madeleine Darrell
- Avery Kaplan
- Kaitlyn Nhin
- Savannah Pawlowski
- Lucy Reinhardt
- Victoria Rubino
- Vanessa Rubino
- Olivia Rucinski
- Charlotte Tholl



Hauppauge 9's competition cheer team - A majority of which, have never cheered before. As the season was scheduled to commence, we started with an open mind and an open heart. With some pride and perseverance we began this journey to make 18 girls into a competition cheer team.

Coaches:

Yvette Burke, Amanda Smith,  
Joli Tucci, and Ana Vujovic

Team:

Grace Brown, Lauren Burke,  
Caitlin Buscarino, Ivory Catanzaro,  
Olivia Cavanagh, Karina Cunningham,  
Adrianna D'Elia, Maia Duggan,  
Kylie Fisher, McKinley Iannello,  
Skylar Jarski, Vanessa Martinez,  
Lindsey Prihodka, Esra Salazar,  
Leana Schmidt, Ariana Smith,  
Valentina Tucci, Avery Vazquez





## PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES THEIR SRPS (SCHOOL RELATED PROFESSIONALS)

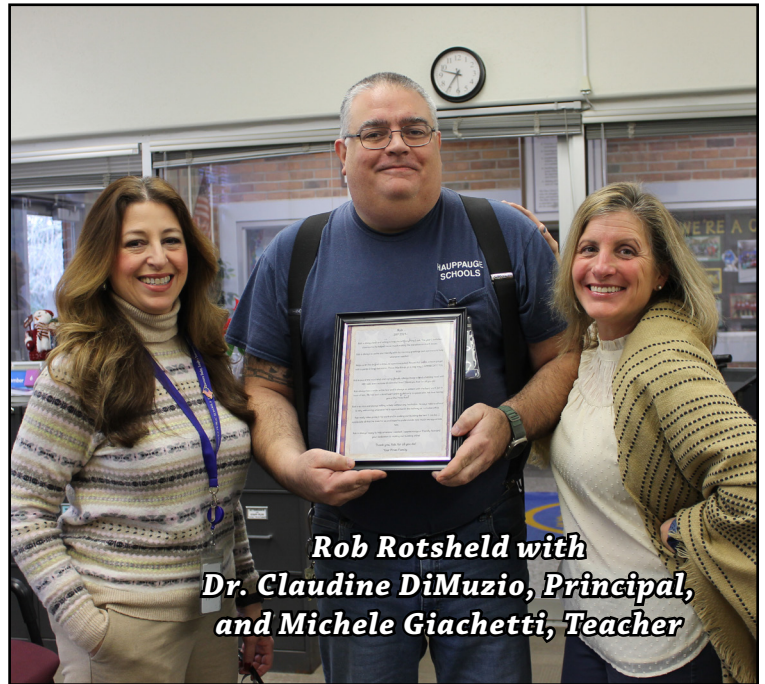
The Pines Elementary School celebrated another spectacular SRP Day on Tuesday, November 21st. They enjoyed a day filled with breakfast and lunch goodies, notes of appreciation and lots of LOVE. The three 2023 Pines Honorees were Frank Moccia (our security guard), Donna Turner (one of our dedicated kitchen staff), and Rob Rotsheld (our daytime custodian). Here are a few experts from their framed letters which were presented to each of them as a token of our appreciation.

Frank - "Frank is a very approachable, kind soul who is a great addition to our Pines Family. Always a smile and a wave when I arrive at school each day and he even opens the door for you. A true gentleman!"

Donna - "Donna is kind, sweet, beyond dedicated and most of all loving to all the students. The kids adore her."

Rob - "Rob helps us at the drop of a dime...no questions asked! Respectful, polite...a team player with a gentle & kind demeanor. Those little things go a long way."

A big thank you to all of the Pines teachers for making all of the SRPs feel so special, appreciated and loved!



**Rob Rotsheld with  
Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal,  
and Michele Giachetti, Teacher**



**Frank Moccia and Donna Pastore with  
Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal,  
and Michele Giachetti, Teacher**



Thank  
you



# BRETTON WOODS FIFTH-GRADERS PARTICIPATE IN HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMARK CONTEST

Mrs. Phelan's fifth-grade class and several other Bretton Woods students participated in The Hauppauge Public Library's 2024 "Design a Bookmark" Contest. Students were asked to use their imaginations and submit an original design based on a favorite book or author, season, character, school subject, fairy tale, favorite catch phrase or saying.

The winners and their families were invited to an awards ceremony at the Library earlier this week. Several Bretton Woods students were among the monthly winners and others received an Honorable Mention for their designs. There were a total of 32 entries this year. Congratulations to all!

## Winners:

Oningne Matey - January  
Alice Caetano - February  
Lucy Reinhardt - March  
Rudhvin Mahesh Kumar - April  
Brendan O'Connell - June  
Janhavi Gore - July  
Riona Mittal - August  
Zara Shaik - October  
Tyler Fearon - November

## Honorable Mentions:

Allie Scaturro  
Angelina Haddad  
Nolan Sauer  
Woyane Matey  
Wota Matey  
Mikaela Rosario

Matthew Miller  
Riley Bonilla  
Declan McAleavey  
Leah Paino  
Victoria Sznurkowski  
Thomas Mullen  
Natalie Lodico

Grace Oriano  
Brooke Schleier  
Layla Poldino  
Abdul Khawaja  
Madison Campbell  
Aleena Vasquez





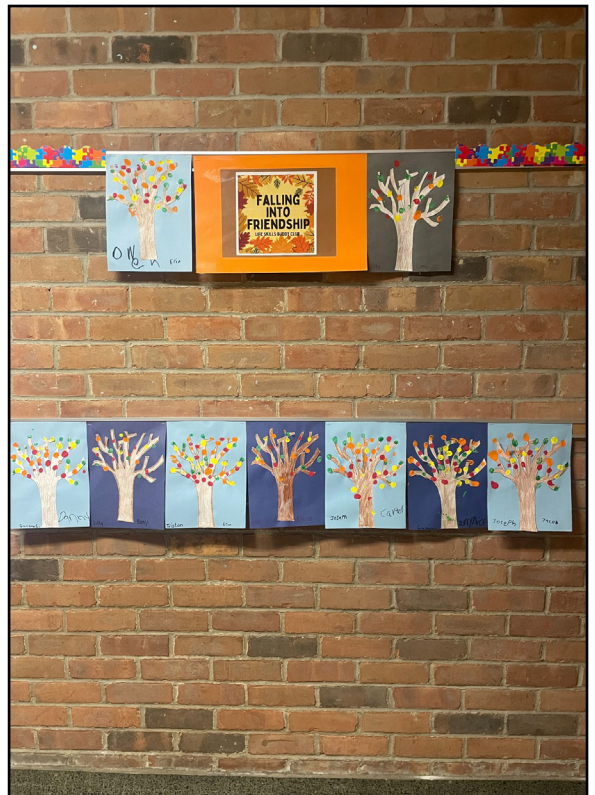
## PINES DEBUTS NEW “LIFE SKILLS BUDDIES CLUB”

The Buddies Club is a new club founded by Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Miller, two special education teachers at the Pines. The club has gained tremendous support from Dr. DiMuzio, parents, the 4th and 5th grade teachers, as well as many other staff members. This club was created to foster inclusivity, build friendships, and connections among students at Pines Elementary School.

The vision of the club is to help students to become peer mentors, as they foster new relationships. Under the guidance of Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Miller, the club members work to plan special buddy activities and prepare whatever materials are necessary. Throughout the school year, the club members will visit classrooms and participate in various activities (planned by the members, of course!), such as crafts, playtime, and shared reading.

For example, On Halloween, the 4th and 5th grade students joined their buddy classes and enjoyed trick or treating together throughout the building. Just after Thanksgiving, the club members met in Mrs. Miller’s classroom for a buddy craft. The students planned this craft themselves, brainstorming the idea of a fingerprint friendship tree at the after school meetings. During the classroom visit, the club members created crafts and had fun finger painting with their buddies throughout the process. Every “friendship” tree created has fingerprints of both buddies and their names. The crafts are proudly displayed at the Pines under the bulletin “Falling for Friendship” The newest creation is a handprint Christmas tree created entirely out of student and buddy handprints, reminding everyone this holiday season of the true gift of friendship.

The Pines Family is so proud of the amazing compassion, patience, and creativity demonstrated by all of our students participating in the Buddy program. “Working with the students has been a true pleasure. We are continually in awe of their generosity and are looking forward to the amazing adventures and journeys in friendship that this year has to offer,” said Mrs. Lovejoy.





# FOREST BROOK STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Forest Brook Elementary School recently held elections for Student Government. The students that ran for positions are:

President: Andy Graziano, Alexa Weiner, Mila Roxa  
Vice President: Scarlett Graziano, Liam Wagner, Lauren Burke  
Treasurer: Degan Barnes, Kaylan Balance, Lily DeLuca  
Secretary: Francesca Severs, Gia Michels, Jason Park

After a successfully run election event, the following students were elected:

President: Alexa Weiner  
Vice President: Liam Wagner  
Treasurer: Kaylan Balance  
Secretary: Jason Park

Congratulations to these new Student Government officers! We wish them luck in their new positions.





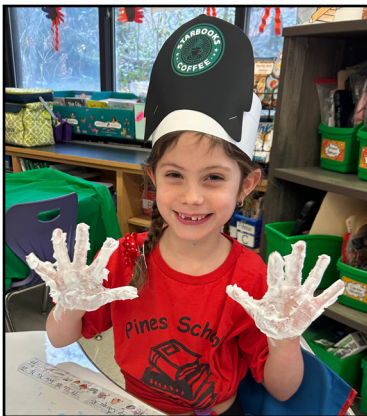
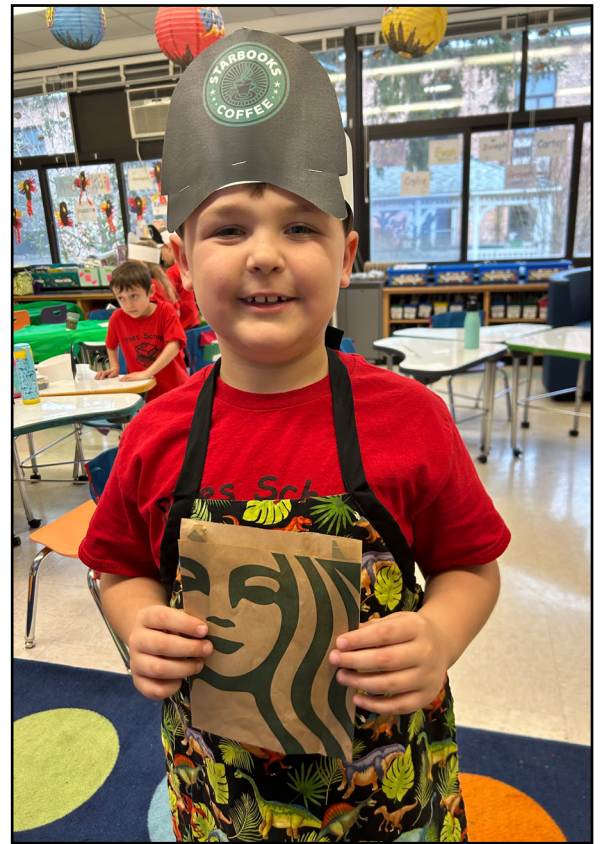
## PINES FIRST-GRADERS CELEBRATE “STARBUCKS DAY” WITH A “STARBOOKS CAFE”

On Friday, December 1st, all first-grade students at Pines Elementary celebrated their first ever “Starbucks Day.” On “Starbucks Day,” students experience a classroom transformation of sorts. Reading time turns into a “Starbooks Cafe”, a play on Starbucks. The theme revolves around the love of reading. “The first grade teachers wanted to show the children how proud we are of all their hard work in reading,” said Mrs. Dolce about the experience.

The first-graders wore “Starbooks” caps and listened to coffee house music. They enjoyed chocolate milk lattes and “cake pops” made from donut holes. While they enjoyed their cafe setting, students read their books and practiced their reading strategies. The teachers went all out for the experience. “I even wrote their names wrong on the cups like in a real Starbucks!,” said Ms. Scari to about the experience. The first-grade teachers also wore green aprons and served the students!

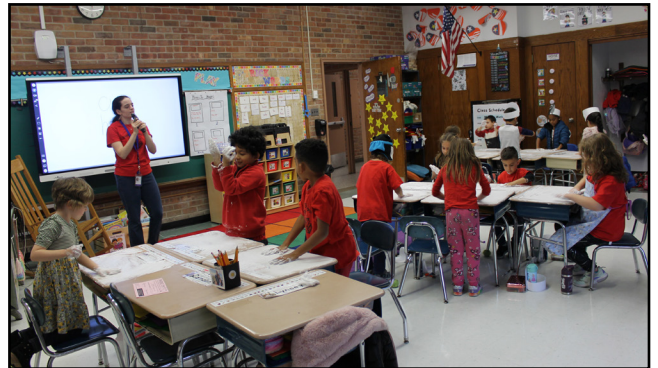
The students participated in other various engaging activities. All of the activities reviewed current and past first-grade skills. They enjoyed an escape with a coffee house math game, practiced their sight words in shaving cream, and designed drink cups.

Everyone had a blast celebrating “Starbucks Day” and are looking forward to having this event for years to come!





# "Starbooks Cafe"





## PINES STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT COURAGE IN “CHOOSE LOVE” PROGRAM AND CREATE A 3-D DISPLAY WITH THEIR “CAPES OF COURAGE”

Students throughout Pines Elementary School in October and November learned about the component of courage, as defined by our Choose Love program, and the ways that we as a school community demonstrated courage throughout our school. Together through the collaboration of our Pines SEL team, our art teacher, Mrs. Catapano, and our classroom teachers, every student at Pines ES created a 3-D display of themselves wearing their very own “cape of courage.”

These individual figures are being proudly displayed for families at the Parent Teacher Conferences. Pines families were invited to use their phones to scan the QR code attached to his/her child’s caped figure to read more about how our students have demonstrated courage throughout the school this fall.

Thank you to everyone for collaborating on this special project !!





## PINES PTA ORGANIZES A “HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE” FOR STUDENTS TO SHOP FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

From November 28th - 30th, the Pines PTA organized another fabulous Holiday Boutique where students had the opportunity to shop for affordable gifts for their family and friends. There was a wide variety of items to purchase ranging in price from \$.50 to \$15, with most items priced under \$5. The children learned how to budget and spend wisely while experiencing the joy of giving. They had a wonderful time shopping!

A big thank you to the Pines PTA for all of their hard work and dedication to our students!





## BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS WEAR YELLOW FOR FORGIVENESS

Wednesday, December 15th, was “Choose Love” day and the theme was Forgiveness. Students and staff were asked to wear yellow, or their “Choose Love” shirts, to reinforce the message of Forgiveness.

Here are some photos from this special day.





***"BW - Yellow for Forgiveness"***





## BUDDY THE ELF AND HIS HELPERS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO THE STAFF AT FOREST BROOK



Buddy the Elf and his helpers brought some holiday cheer to the staff of Forest Brook Elementary School. Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Cookies brought laughs and smiles to our hardworking staff. Here are some photos from his visit!



*Buddy with Christa DiVilio  
and Nancy Bragas*





# HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT 1 HIGHLIGHTS THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH DAZZLING PERFORMANCES

Our high school students in fine arts put on a wonderful Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 13th. Here are some photos courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography.





***"HS Winter Concert 1"***





***"HS Winter Concert 1"***





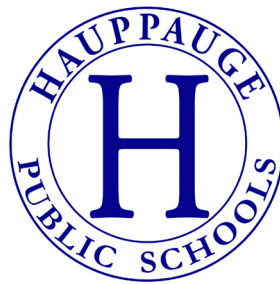
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